

# Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute



The Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI) is celebrating its 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2007. This year, the theme is “Agriculture's Future, Burning Bright,” which reflects a positive future of agriculture and the many opportunities for you to succeed. NAYI is an outstanding program. It not only expands young people’s understanding of agriculture, but it also develops the individual. Leadership development, critical thinking, and decision making skills, along with the opportunity to interact with other youth interested in the future of agriculture, are key elements of NAYI.

NAYI 2007 will be five days of educational exposure to the many aspects of agriculture. The Institute will be held July 8-12, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The NAYI program is coordinated and conducted by the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council (NAYC). The Council consists of 13 college-age men and women who have been appointed to serve and educate Nebraska’s number one resource – its youth – on the importance of the agricultural industry.

NAYI continues to grow and expand young people’s understanding of our state’s largest industry – agriculture. Knowledgeable speakers will strive to motivate and educate the delegates by addressing current agricultural issues and pointing out the many opportunities this industry has to offer. One of the more popular events is the computer-simulated farm management program which challenges the delegates to work together as teams to manage their own farms. There will also be time for group discussions and interactions as well as a variety of evening activities.

Last year, approximately 120 delegates learned more about the opportunities and challenges facing agriculture. If you would like to be among the young leaders chosen to address these issues, apply for NAYI 2007. Selection of delegates will be based on leadership skills, interest, and involvement in agriculture. All meals, lodging, and conference fees during the Institute are provided for the selected delegates.

NAYI has helped many young people find a way to remain involved in agriculture. Past delegates have become successful farmers, ranchers, senators, agribusinessmen and women, and educators. NAYI offers the opportunity for you to make a difference in agriculture at local, state, national, and international levels. Come see what the future holds for you and apply for NAYI 2007 today.

Please keep this cover for your reference. Applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2007. This application may be duplicated.

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# 2007 NAYI APPLICATION

NAYI 2007 will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska, from July 8-12, 2007. The selection of delegates to this institute is based on this application form.

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture will provide all arrangements and the cost of meals, lodging, and conference fees during the institute for each delegate. Transportation to the Kauffman Hall in Lincoln and any other personal expense during the Institute will be the responsibility of the delegate. Delegate registration will begin Sunday at 5:30 p.m. The Institute will adjourn Thursday afternoon. Eligibility is limited to young men and women who are current high school juniors or seniors.

This application form must be **typed or printed in ink**. Present your answers only in the space provided. You must also submit **two recent billfold glossy photos** of yourself, which will be used for publication.

## APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 15, 2007

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Male ☐ Female

Parent's names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(city) (state) (zip code)

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_  
(city)

Local newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

Newspaper address \_\_\_\_\_  
(city) (state) (zip code)

Have you ever attended NAYI? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Present year in high school ☐ Junior ☐ Senior

State senator (not U.S. senator) \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you want to attend NAYI, and what do you hope to gain from the experience?

How has the agricultural industry had an impact on you? What current agricultural issues are having an impact on your life, farm, or community?

What are your career goals and how might you influence the agricultural industry and its future?

List no more than 6 **major** activities and/or organizations you have participated in within the last four years (school and non-school). Designate any offices or leadership roles you have held and contributions you have made to these activities.

If you previously attended NAYI, would you like to be considered as a Returning Delegate? Please check. ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what do you hope to contribute to NAYI 2007 as a returning delegate?

Signature of applicant\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or guardian\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

To assist us in future distribution of NAYI application forms, please indicate where or from whom you received this application.

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Title\_\_\_\_\_

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This section is to be completed by the high school superintendent, principal, or counselor, or the county extension agent.

Applicant's numerical standing in class:\_\_\_\_\_ Number of pupils in class:\_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a statement concerning the applicant's character and ability.

Do you feel the applicant is interested in strengthening the industry of agriculture in Nebraska and improving the quality of life in rural Nebraska?

Signature of official\_\_\_\_\_

Title\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

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**IMPORTANT: This application must be postmarked by April 15, 2007  
(Please include two photographs)**

Return to: Alyssa Smola  
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## **The Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council's Creed**

We are the rural youth; the ambassadors of agriculture, and tomorrow's food producers of America.

We are the young and growing forces that will keep America green and strong.

We are involved and concerned about agriculture, and we mean to keep it the thriving industry that it is.

We want conservation of our natural resources so that our children will have the same clean air, clean water, and tillable land that we have as young people.

We want future generations to grow up in the same democratic government which we have, and to enjoy the good life which America offers.

We believe in learning, experience, and dedication to our future, and we believe these things will make agriculture the strongest, most productive industry in America's future.

### **Points to remember when applying for NAYI:**

- The 36th annual NAYI will be held at the Kauffman Hall, 630 North 14th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, from approximately 5:30 p.m., July 8, until approximately 1:00 p.m., July 12, 2007.
- NAYI delegates will have all meals, lodging, and conference fees paid by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Transportation to and from Lincoln and other personal expenses incurred during NAYI will be the responsibility of the delegate. Delegates are required to remain at the Kauffman Hall during the institute.
- High school juniors and seniors during the 2006-2007 school year are eligible for NAYI.
- Applications postmarked by April 15, 2007, will be accepted. Delegates will be notified by May 20, 2007. For additional applications, or further information, write or call:

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